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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JULY 15 BY  
CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS:

QUOTE. BRYCE MACKASEY, MINISTER OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE  
AFFAIRS HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT RECENT PRESS REPORTS  
WHICH HAVE WRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT THE U.S. JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MAY NOT HAVE FOLLOWED A LONG  
STANDING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE IN AN ANTI-TRUST  
INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE PRICE-FIXING AMONG URANIUM  
PRODUCERS, INCLUDING SOME CANADIAN FIRMS.

THE CANADIAN AND THE UNITED STATES ANTI-TRUST ENFORCEMENT  
AGENCIES HAVE DEVELOPED A SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIP  
OVER THE YEARS AND HAVE EVOLVED AN ANTI-TRUST NOTIFICATION  
AND CONSULTATION PROCEDURE IN CASES WHERE EXTRA-  
TERRITORIALITY IS POTENTIALLY AT ISSUE. THE  
MINISTER WISHES IT TO BE MADE CLEAR THAT UNITED  
STATES AUTHORITIES COMPLIED WITH BOTH THE SPIRIT  
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AND THE LETTER OF THE ESTABLISHED NOTIFICATION

PROCEDURE IN REQUESTING THE VOLUNTARY RETURN OF  
INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS FROM TWO CANADIAN  
URANIUM PRODUCERS.

SINCE THE INFORMATION WAS NOT FURNISHED AT THE  
VOLUNTARY STAGE, THE U.S. HAS TURNED TO A MORE  
FORMAL PROCEDURE AND SUBPOENAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED  
AGAINST UNITED STATES SUBSIDIARIES OF CANADIAN FIRMS  
AS WELL AS TO SOME CANADIANS WHO ARE DIRECTORS  
OF U.S. CORPORATIONS.

THIS CURRENT DEVELOPMENT INVOLVES INTERNAL U.S.  
LEGAL PROCEDURES WITH COMPANIES REGISTERED IN THE  
UNITED STATES AND PERSONS WHO ARE OFFICERS OF U.S.  
CORPORATIONS, AND ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE UNITED  
STATES HAS PREJUDICED INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS  
IS UNTRUE.

MR. MACKASEY STATED THAT EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL LINES  
OF COMMUNICATION MUST BE MAINTAINED IF COMBINES  
LEGISLATION IS TO BE EFFICIENTLY ENFORCED ON BOTH  
SIDES OF THE CANADA-UNITED STATES BORDER.  
THE RISE OF THE LARGE INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE  
HAS BROUGHT ABOUT RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES  
WHICH COULD BE BEYOND THE REACHED OF PURELY NATIONAL  
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THERE IS THEREFORE  
A GREAT NEED AMONG COUNTRIES FOR NOTIFICATION,  
CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION ON THESE MATTERS,  
THE MINISTER SAID, IF RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES  
AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE ARE TO BE CONTROLLED.  
END QUOTE. ENDERS

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